

1 see. Okay. Horses see when both eyes are focused  
2 on one object in front. The horse is using  
3 binocular vision. Horses can see with each eye  
4 separately, this is called minocular vision, which  
5 allows a horse to watch in front of him with one eye  
6 and in the back with another. When a horse sees  
7 movement using monocular vision we will usually turn  
8 his head to see with both eyes, switching to  
9 binocular vision to focus on the moving object.  
10 When the horse switches from monocular vision to  
11 binocular vision this causes objects to jump and  
12 distort until they are focused, an if you can  
13 imagine a speed coming at a horse -- that has  
14 happened to me before, they also see illumination of  
15 the different colors of the plastic, it luminesces  
16 out. They see very very very many times over of  
17 what they see, so things jump at them. Then how can  
18 you imagine a horse being bicycles coming this way,  
19 being distored, seeing things coming at them this  
20 way, and it is the difference in their vision they  
21 do not see like ours. This makes it very very  
22 dangerous very very dangerous. And Parks, and DWR  
23 has already been given this money by bonds. The  
24 money is there. There is no reason why we should be  
25 fight amongst ourselves, when there is enough room

1 for the trails, and the trails were already supposed  
2 to be made for the bikers also, besides the horse  
3 people. They are just turning -- another case of  
4 turning us against ourselves instead of going to  
5 them and telling them what we want, which will also  
6 be at a meeting on Thursday at Council Chambers to  
7 tell 50 year relicensing what we want. We're gonna  
8 tell them what we want. Not what they're going to  
9 give us, but what we want as a People. And this is  
10 the most important thing, to bring us together.  
11 Make them to do what they were supposed to do from  
12 the very beginning.

13 SHARON WEDIN: Hi, I'm Sharon Wedin, W-E-D-I-N. And  
14 unlike most of you, I'm a novice horse rider. I  
15 have had a horse for 25 years, but I'm not on the  
16 trails a lot, I don't belong to any organizations  
17 around here. I haven't had extensive training. I  
18 don't have a highly registered horse, have a horse,  
19 and I like to take her out. Occasionally, I've been  
20 on the Dan Beebe Trail, and I've been up to the  
21 areas, and it's very special, but I am petrified if  
22 I have to be around wheeled vehicles with my horse  
23 because she's not used to that, and it's not a  
24 pleasant environment to be worried about. I am only  
25 one of many riders. Many people are younger than I.

1 Many people are older than I and they all don't have  
2 experienced, life long horses where they are just  
3 totally bonded in one unit. And we have a beautiful  
4 trail that has been designed for horses. If you've  
5 been up Sycamore Hill, it's narrow. It's a trail  
6 ride, and there's lots of places for bikers, but not  
7 many with horses, and let's keep them seperate.  
8 There are a lot of people -- this is like talking  
9 to the require, you know about the rules, your more  
10 thoughtful, but there's a lot of people that don't  
11 have the respect and responsibility that you have,  
12 and that puts those of us who ride horses at a  
13 disadvantage, and where safety can be enhanced by  
14 having some areas that are single use only it would  
15 be to our advantage and our responsibility to  
16 preserve those for future riders, and I believe that  
17 there's plenty of multi use areas, and that's great,  
18 but some need to be for each one separately so you  
19 can do your thing on your trail, your way, without a  
20 conflict, and it's not with the people, it's with  
21 the actual mechanism that manners the horse or  
22 motivates the bicycle itself, so. Not against the  
23 people, but we need to keep our uses seperate, thank  
24 you.  
25 JANICE WILLIAMS: Hi, my name is Janice Wilson and I

1 ride horses and my husband used to ride ride. He  
2 was training for triathlon, and he's done a lot of  
3 competition racing, and he broke his neck bicycle  
4 riding. So I see both sides of the issue. I was --  
5 most of my trail ridings was done in southern  
6 California where you have a lot of both groups, and  
7 most of the trails in the valley, we're all horse,  
8 they're were either equestrian trails, or they were  
9 bike trails, and there were no problems, but the  
10 Chymase Trail, which is in the Santa Monica  
11 mountains, was multi use trail, and I was riding a  
12 girlfriend's horse, and she was blind in one eye,  
13 and a horse was coming from the other direction, and  
14 she started going sideways and she was to her blind  
15 side, and it was cliff and it was hundreds of feet  
16 down, and I don't know how we stayed on that trail,  
17 I don't know how she -- cause you know I could not,  
18 you know, that's that thing about a bike, you turn a  
19 bike right, it goes right. You turn a bike left it  
20 goes left. You turn a horse right it may go left,  
21 and if you turn it left it may go right. It all  
22 depends on what is more demanding. If it's more  
23 afraid of you, or what's coming at it. So yeah, a  
24 combination trail a long of the equestrians getting  
25 hurt my horse was almost stepped on cars and I was

1 scared to death, that I was going to have a bill for  
2 the car, but if that was my child, and the horse  
3 would have been stepped on him, that would be his  
4 life. And you have to think about the fact that a  
5 horse is unpredictable, and it weighs a lot, and  
6 most of them are right around a ton, and stepping on  
7 a young bicycle rider it dangerous. The money was  
8 given for both trails. I'll read something out of  
9 Chapter 14, Recreation Programs, Significant Events.  
10 Okay. The Oroville area is part of the peripheral  
11 canal which is the state water project. Okay. The  
12 SWP, has developed 37 recreation areas or sites  
13 throughout California including 17 fishing access  
14 sites. Okay. 1994 SWP facilities receive 4.75  
15 million recreational days of use. A decrease 5.40  
16 million recreation days used. And the whole reason  
17 is, why is recreational use going down when the  
18 population is going up. It's because they're  
19 dividing us, but they're driving us away from the  
20 recreation that was provided for or required to be  
21 provided for us. Okay the recreation facilities  
22 that were financed according to the legislation  
23 enacted by the Davis-Dolwig Act. Okay, and it was.  
24 Okay, through which the department was to be  
25 reimbursed for those projects cost allocations to

1 recreation. So why are we fighting each other,  
2 they've got us continually got us focused on  
3 fighting each other instead of looking at what  
4 they're causing.

5 VALERIE FISHER GATES: Hi, my name is Valerie Fisher  
6 Gates. My dad Robert, Dr. Robert Fisher, opened the  
7 Oroville Hospital Lab, before Oroville Dam was  
8 built. I often at Bidwell Bar during the hot  
9 Oroville summer afternoons. When the damn was built  
10 the community was promised recreation to offset the  
11 loss of the river recreation. The promise was not  
12 fulfilled. This evening there is a debate on  
13 whether or not there should be a multi use trail.  
14 Apparently, the reason is that State Parks doesn't  
15 have the money for seperate trails. This community  
16 has very valuable resources. Water and power. A  
17 bottle of Calistoga Water costs more than a gallon  
18 of gasoline. We've heard about FERC, the Federal  
19 Energy Regulatory Commission. They are to oversee  
20 the expenditures that our State Department of Water  
21 Resources is required to make to support the  
22 interests of our community. The Department of Water  
23 Resources has just granted State Parks funding to do  
24 a park master plan. My question is, is the plan  
25 going to be implemented? And where will the money

1 come from, and you as community members, we as  
2 community members, need to make sure that the money  
3 is there for the plan to be developed. And you're  
4 water generates billions of dollars of revenue, as  
5 the previous gentlemen who spoke, that's a hell of a  
6 lot of money, and this public process is being held  
7 to make sure that this community is is not short  
8 changed. The public needs to make sure that the  
9 recreation that you want is built. Built it and  
10 they will come. The local -- also I think that  
11 local enterprise, and builders, should be used to  
12 develop the facilities, and that should be in the  
13 FERC contracts. Regarding the multi use trails, I  
14 was an equestrian for years, rody a skitzzy sorrow  
15 mare, and I think there should be seperate trails  
16 for instance, we went skiing a couple of days ago, a  
17 trying, a novice skier trying to ski when the snow  
18 borders, even the well landing ones, are just about  
19 to hit you, are terrifying. My husband and I were  
20 going to buy five acres in Sierra City on the the  
21 Yuba River, and I tried to cross country ski where  
22 the snowmobilers were, and even the polite  
23 snowmobilers often couldn't see me in a shadow, and  
24 I was climbing up hills more often than not, as  
25 snowmobiles careened down the trail, in the air. So

1 they have loft control completely because they're in  
2 the air. A woman said, well the right turns right  
3 and the bike turns left. Well, sometimes it's in  
4 the air, and it doesn't turn. But I congratulate  
5 you on a wonderful turn out for this public process,  
6 and we look forward to wonderful recreation  
7 facilities in Oroville. Hope to see everyone  
8 Thursday evening, thank you.

9 KATHIE HODGES: Hi, my name is Kathy Hodges, and I'm  
10 also very gratified to see you come to this meeting.  
11 I know a lot of you came a long way. And I think  
12 it's very very illustrating to the agencies that  
13 there are a lot of people that are passionate trail  
14 lovers, and trail users. Um, I to have a concern and  
15 objection to the public notice that was put out. No  
16 where was the fact mentioned that the single track  
17 seperate mountain bike trail was a public process  
18 decision, was approved at recreation groups during  
19 the relicensing, and was accepted for implementation  
20 and funding by DWR. At the time that was announced  
21 in the paper, February of 2001, I think, that most  
22 of you here -- and I would venture to say all of you  
23 here rejoiced. The conflict has occurred because of  
24 an action taken, in secret, pitting users against  
25 other users, and they have succeeded, and I'm really



1 sad about that. A lot of you from outside of the  
2 area haven't realized maybe we have the multi use  
3 trail which Lyle refered to, I think it was Lyle, 38  
4 or 39 miles of gravel road, which is not fun.  
5 That's also very sad, because State Parks said that  
6 they they spent 400 hundred thousand dollars, and  
7 DWR has said they spent a 180 thousand dollars,  
8 making that a mountain bike trail. And I also  
9 venture to think that most of you here would rather  
10 have seen 580 thousand dollars spent on a real  
11 mountain bike trail. I think the public got duped.  
12 A lot of older people have access to trails on  
13 horses. They are not physically able to ride a  
14 bike, or hike. And the potential to discourage use,  
15 not only has an economical potential impact, but it  
16 discourages use from people who could otherwise  
17 enjoy the trail systems, and are not physically able  
18 to do the labor. DPR does not have the staff that  
19 is required for monitoring multi use. Um, to her  
20 credit, Jacqueline Ball, who is another  
21 superintendent of parks in the Folsom area,  
22 conducted two public meetings on a similar  
23 situation, with a similar proposal, and one of her  
24 comments was that it was not implemented because  
25 they did not have the staffing to handle multi use.

1 So it requires extra monitoring. And I think the  
2 mission of State Parks to provide recreational  
3 opportunity is superb. It doesn't say anything  
4 about throwing everybody together.

5 JEANNIE GILLEN: Good evening, my name is Jeannie  
6 Gillen, and by way of introduction, I'm the  
7 immediate Pastor of the Riverside County Parks  
8 Commission, the Trails Committee, and the Fish and  
9 Game Commission, and I have served in that position  
10 for approximately twelve years. I was the  
11 equestrian representative for Metropolitan water  
12 districts new diamond valley reservoir at Lake  
13 Hemit. I'm a current member of the California  
14 Recreational Trails Committee, although, I am not  
15 representing they're position on this issue here  
16 tonight. I'm also a current member appointed by the  
17 the Department of Interior to serve on the Juan  
18 Baptista De Anza National Historic Advisory  
19 Commission. I also rode that trail in 1996 from  
20 Mexico to San Francisco. That was over 1500 miles.  
21 Um, 30 miles a day for eight weeks straight and, I  
22 tell you, I encountered as Kathryn said, many, many,  
23 things, planes, trains, automobiles, different  
24 cultures, different environments, and some of it  
25 really scary, and I'm sorry about the horses that

1 have been scared on trails in the past, it is an  
2 inherent risk that you take when you take a horse  
3 out on a trail. That's just part of the risk. My  
4 greatest accidents have been getting dumped or  
5 pitched because of wildlife or water, and you all  
6 know what I'm saying. So, I'm sorry that it  
7 happens. I want to thank the department for having  
8 this meeting. It's really, really important, that  
9 those that felt left out of the process have the  
10 opportunity to comment. So, I thank you for having  
11 this meeting, this additional meeting and for all of  
12 you for attending. I also want to the state say that  
13 I have been at the horse camp at Lake Oroville at  
14 Loafer Creek since Saturday, and I'm thoroughly  
15 enjoying all your trails, they are great. I have  
16 had a wonderful time there, and it's probably one of  
17 the best horse camps I've seen, in the quality of  
18 construction, and the amenities there for horses.  
19 So, thank you, all for that. I just want to say in  
20 sitting and listening, oh gosh, I asked to speak  
21 last because I'm hearing the same things over and  
22 over again. Um, the biggest issue seems to be be,  
23 if we can work out a way where we can share the  
24 trails that's the greatest interest of the greatest  
25 majority. The odd even thing seems to work in some

1 places, I'm hoping it can work here, and as  
2 understand it, correct me if I'm wrong, but it seems  
3 to me that equestrians can ride most or all of the  
4 trails here any day. If they make a choice to ride  
5 on the even days of the month August 1st -- I mean,  
6 August 2nd, 4th, whatever, when bikes are on the  
7 trails they are making the choice to expose  
8 themselves to that risk. So I'd like that to be  
9 considered. Thank you. I wish I had more time, but  
10 thank you very much for letting me speak tonight.

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12 PATTI KROEN: My watch says 9:00 o'clock. So we're  
13 just a little bit over. I, I just. You know,  
14 regardless of what your political leaning is, I'm  
15 very heartened, and I hope you will congratulate  
16 yourselves for coming together at a time when we  
17 seem to be on the brink of a of a first strike.  
18 You've come together here with real passions for  
19 different sides of an issue, and you've incredibly  
20 respectfull to each other, to the time limits that  
21 have been placed on you, I know it's difficult to  
22 get your point across in three minutes. Um, some of  
23 you have been afraid to speak in public and you've  
24 done it, and I want you all to congratulate  
25 yourselves in coming together, and starting a

1 process that hopefully will find a resolution in a  
2 way that isn't violent, or attacking each other. So  
3 thank you very much for coming. You may provide  
4 written comments. If you don't have them to leave  
5 tonight, please feel free to mail them in to the  
6 address on your handout. Thank you, so much for  
7 coming and please travel safe.

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